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Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: February 14, 2011
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Vickie Jones
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Vickie Jones, DCS Regional Manager; Kelly Persinger and Erin Lambert, Franklin County DCS; Mary Willis, Judge, Henry Circuit Court; Brian Hill, Judge, Rush Superior Court; Jackie Reed, Union County DCS and Farrah Chambers and Mark Munchel, Fayette County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Courtney Mathews, Wayne and Union County DCS; Nichole Williams, Henry County DCS; Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Frank Paddock, foster parent representative.

Others In Attendance: Karen Blessinger, Henry County DCS; Joan Caylor, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Melanie Wright, Gibault; Shannon Hicks and Rick Humbarger, Lifeline; Norm Smith and Darrell Gordon, Wernle; Vickie Grimme-Powell, Richmond Community Schools; Justin Cox and Trish Crowe, Columbus Behavioral Center; Jon Bennett and Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau; Kristin Obermeyer, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator; Jeff Catlett, Youth and Family Centered Services; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Jennifer James, Henry County Youth Center; Holly Murray, Purdue; Beth Ann Butsch, Judge, Fayette County Circuit Court; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS and Sven Schumacher, Lutheran Child and Family Services.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Introductions and New Members**
 - a) Meeting agenda distributed by Vickie Jones.



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- b) Bill Ammerman, Local Office Director, Rush County Department of Child Services, (DCS), votes in proxy for Courtney Matthews, Wayne/Union County (DCS).

II. **Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:**

The *Community Partners for Child Safety* report was distributed. Year end update, Carl Scheib reported:

- total year end referrals for 2010: 466 up from 433 in 2009 with self referrals continuing to grow
- material relief: 2010 calendar year total \$48,272; fiscal year 07/01/2010 to 06/31/2011 total \$24,097
- Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Committee will meet 02/17/2011. Items before the committee: Medibags advertising the "800" numbers for reporting child abuse and for domestic violence information; change the Preflix advertising to reflect Pinwheels of Change for Child Abuse; Naomi Griffith workshop; Body Safety workshop with Terry Hall; Pinwheels and signs in all courthouse lawns.
- Current Prevention Grants:
 - Positive Parenting; Diplomas (Wayne Co.) awarded \$9,953; Cradles (Henry Co.) awarded \$20,650
 - Summers ROCK awarded \$15,000
 - Substance Abuse Education and Awareness RFP: School ROCK (Fayette Co.) awarded \$31,233
- Outcomes for 2010: exceeded every state standard

III. **Remaining Prevention Dollars:**

Thirty two thousand, one hundred sixty-three dollars and thirty cents (\$32,163.30) is remaining in Prevention Funds. A committee formed to examine allocations of these funds submitted the following recommendations:

- \$5,000 - Diplomas (Positive Parenting)
- \$5,000 - Cradles (Positive Parenting)
- \$15,905 - Material Relief Assistance
- \$5,163.60 - April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- \$3,000 - Henry County Probation- Henry County Youth League



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Mark Munchel moved to accept the recommendations as stated with Kelly Persinger seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

IV. Vickie Jones Exception:

Discussion was held on approving a 10% increase above the standard rate for home based case management and therapy for providers whom the board approves. Jones noted that it is often more difficult to recruit staff in rural areas; in part due to the travel distance some regions encompass; and an increase is warranted. She added that this option has been given to each region, but not every one will approve the increase. Kelly Persinger moved to accept the motion with Bill Ammerman seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

V. Proposal Approval:

Kristin Obermeyer distributed the Region 12 Provider Recommendations list noting that Resolute Resource had been inadvertently omitted from the list. It was noted that Centerstone and Meridian have state contracts and are already covered. Fairbanks did not submit a proposal.

Jones reminded council that approving a provider does not mean a particular county has to use that provider. Obermeyer stated that information on each provider would be forthcoming after contracts are issued and signed.

Kelly Persinger moved to approve the recommendations with the addition of Resolute Resource. Judge Willis seconded and the motion passed with no opposing votes.

VI. RFM Budget Update:

Joan Caylor distributed the *Region 12 Budget Analysis FY 10 versus FY11* spreadsheet. Region 12 is at 59.15% of its budget. Caylor reported we are very healthy coming in on budget and are doing more with fewer dollars.

Caylor stated she will no longer be the RFM for Region 12 due to restructuring. Bob Daughtery will be the new RFM and will be based out of Rush County.

VII. Selection of New Members:

Judge representation- Jones reported that with Judge Daniel Pflum no longer being on the council, another judge is needed to replace him. She noted that judges on the council, are the ones to choose Pflum's replacement. Willis stated that an email would be sent to the other judges in the region as a courtesy to determine if there are any volunteers.



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Prosecutor representation- Jones reported that Paul Barada, Jr., is no longer on the council and region prosecutors will need to choose representation for the council. Willis questioned if it might make the appointment to the council more attractive to a prosecutor, if they could send their Deputy Prosecutor who does JD/JS cases. Jones will check into this.

DCS representation- Henry County FCM Nichole Williams has received a promotion and is no longer on the council. Jones has asked Henry County DCS to choose another FCM to replace Williams.

VIII. Other Issues:

Judge Willis stated that Region 12 has difficulty obtaining a good substance abuse treatment program for on-going treatment, which is the biggest gap. The region has a need for intensive outpatient, daily treatment.

A brief discussion was held and it was decided that prior to the next meeting, a focus meeting will be held with providers being asked to attend to talk only on this topic. Representation from the Department of Mental Health and education sector will also be encouraged to attend. Judges were also asked to bring "hard" data to the discussion.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be May 9, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Indiana Department of Child Services, Fayette County Local Office.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.



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